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Berger ace to move?

By
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St George Budapest and West Adelaide Hellas are bidding for star Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson.

Stevenson wouldn't confirm this, however sources at both clubs revealed last week that he was their prime target for 1986.

Not that West Adelaide Hellas will stop Stevenson. Hellas coach Neil McGahey attended the Southern Division Grand Final in September and is believed to have approached transfer listed South Melbourne star Doug Brown and a couple of other top Melbourne-based players.

Two other Sydney clubs have made tentative approaches for Stevenson who put in a transfer request to the Heidelberg committee a month ago and is waiting to find out how much money is on his head and whether he will have hassles leaving.

"I've been told that Heidelberg only can ask for expenses they've outlaid on me so I don't expect my transfer fee to be any more than \$10,000," said Stevenson, in his second season with Heidelberg since arriving from Scotland. "With that in mind, Stevenson a real bargain. No wonder so many clubs are interested in securing his striking talents."

Stevenson continued to hedge when I asked him if he'd prefer a move to Sydney rather than Adelaide.

"If I was to get a concrete offer from Sydney I'd have to really consider it. If a player wants to further himself then Sydney's probably his best bet. If you show that you can perform up there then people sit up and take notice."

Stevenson was a specialist last week about the cartilage trouble he's carried throughout the recently completed season but was relieved to find out that surgery won't be needed.

"I've got a slightly torn cartilage but the specialist told me it will clear up in a month provided I rest. I've been training three nights a week and playing on the weekends so I haven't had a chance to rest it."

Stevenson is ambitious and confident in his ability to make his mark in Australian soccer, even though he hasn't had a great year in 1985.

"Good strikers work in pairs but I haven't really had a striking partner all year. Theo Selefidis is a good player but he's not a striker. Steve Winn had one of those seasons when nothing would go right for him while Scotty Patterson had too many hassles with the club and eventually was ditched."

"Wherever I go, I want to have a striking partner. All the good sides have that Heidelberg hasn't."

The Stevenson saga may take a new twist shortly and he may move to Melbourne after all, but not with Heidelberg. One of the other leading Melbourne-based NSL clubs contacted me last week and I gave them Stevenson's phone number. No doubt once officials of that club read this story they'll be in touch with Stevenson in a flash.



• Stuart Stevenson

England's big five also want

super league



• Juventus midfielder Fabio Incentalupo, who scored twice on Sunday, is floored by George Cross defender Tyrone James (right). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

By Craig MacKenzie

• This Sunday's Ricochet Cup semi-finals, with likely winners in capitals:

AT OLYMPIC PARK NO 1.
GREEN GULLY V Preston
Makedonia at 1.15pm, fol-
lowed by BRUNSWICK JU-
VENTUS V Melbourne
Croatia.

would be available to play for Ju-
ventus and Preston Makedonia re-
spectively in the Dockerty semi-
finals.

Their presence certainly would be

a big boost to their team's chances of reaching the final.

Most pundits expect Makedonia to beat Green Gully at Olympic Park in the first semi-final at 1.15pm on Sunday and set up a repeat of this year's Southern Division Grand Final clash with Ju-
ventus.

Although this is Makedonia's last chance to win something this year, I expect underdog Green Gully to triumph.

Makedonia is a shadow of the side which proved itself a power in the Dockerty Cup. Ian Dolan and Steve Smith are out injured, Gordon Flavell is transfer-listed and, of course, there's doubt about Dunn's availability.

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Olympic-Marrickville?

Sydney Olympic will push for amalgamation with Canterbury-Marrickville if Tom Doumanis succeeds Jim Petenellis as Olympic's president.

"If we want to have a top team representing the Greek community of Sydney, then Olympic and Canterbury have to amalgamate," Doumanis said this week.

"Both clubs rely on financial support from the Greek community, but how deeply are our supporters dig into their pockets?"

"If we both expect a high level of financial contributions from them in the National League, we may both suffer."

Canterbury has won the right to promotion by finishing at the top of the NSW State League.

Everything depends, however, on what form the 1986 NSL will take. If it reverts to a 14-team league, Canterbury may not win a spot.

Doumanis, a solicitor, is Sydney Olympic's secretary at the moment.

He is among the candidates seeking to succeed Petenellis, who will relinquish the presidency due to ill health. The elections are on November 10.

Although he now favors amalgamation with Canterbury, Doumanis was among those who opposed the

move last time it came up. His objection at the time revolved around Canterbury's licensed club at Brighton le Sands. He suggested both Canterbury and Olympic should move to a neutral licensed club elsewhere, but the suggestion gained no support.

Despite reports that Olympic was trying to lure John Margaritis from Juventus, Olympic has re-appointed Manfred Schaefer, who has done the job with great distinction over the past two years.

Captain Paul Raskopoulos is talking about moving to Western Australia with his parents but, according to Doumanis, Olympic will make him an offer he would find difficult to refuse.

And the club intends to re-sign top players Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzis, Tony Dakaris and Graham Jennings, whose contracts have expired. Martyn Rogers has been released to play in England during the Australian off-season, but will rejoin Olympic in 1986.

Doumanis said Olympic also would try to sign a top striker and a midfielder from within Australia.

Asked to name them, Doumanis said: "We're only after the best — someone of the calibre of Oscar Crino, Charlie Egan, Jim Patikas, David Mitchell ... that type of player."

"We've been promised funds — a six-figure sum — from a group of supporters to buy players for next season."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

By MARK LEVER in London
and LAURIE SCHWAB

England's glamor clubs, like their Australian counterparts, are pushing for a "super league".

Just as Australia's most powerful 14 clubs want to play each other in a revamped league next season, so England's big five — Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal — say they are ready to quit the Football League.

The "Daily Mirror" reported last week that these clubs plan to invite 13 or 14 other crowd-pullers from the First and Second Divisions to join them next season in a new competition.

Chairman of the five would not comment on the report, which followed rumors within football circles that at least a skeletal breakaway plan had been drawn up.

Meanwhile, NSL chairman Sam Panayavas said a Council of Clubs meeting was planned for October 18, to decide on the 1986 league format.

The latest development, at a meeting in Sydney last week, is that APIA, at least, is willing to play in the Southern Division if the two-division format is retained. Reports that either Sydney Croatia or Sydney Hakoah would be willing to do likewise, so that the two Brisbane clubs could move to the Northern Division, remain unconfirmed.

APIA's position is precarious. Penrith is pushing ahead with legal action over what it claims were irregularities in the awarding of points and rulings on players' eligibility. If Penrith is successful, it could retain its NSL membership, while APIA is relegated.

The game's struggle for financial stability in England over the past decade in the face of mushrooming player payments and growing commercialism has seen the idea of a rebel league surface several times.

However, it is being taken more seriously this time as clubs are faced with a dramatic plunge in gates due to last season's crowd violence and the tough new measures to combat it, such as drink bans and all-ticket matches.

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Branko Culina

• Branko Culina (pictured) of St Albans Dinamo finished third while with Northcote in 1983 and second to Jim MacLean in 1984. Finally it was his turn to win the Victorian Rothmans Medal last Friday night.

It was a fitting birthday present. He had turned 28 three days earlier.

MacLean of Morwell Falcons, finished second.

Culina, a skilful midfielder or forward, is in his third stint with St Albans Dinamo, and also is the first Australian-born player to win the medal.

It was in 1974 that he had his first season with St Albans, moving from there to Melbourne Croatia, where he played from 1975 to 1980.

He moved to Sydney Croatia in 1981, then to Blacktown in the NSL in 1982, back to St Albans in 1982, Northcote in 1983 and back to St Albans yet again in 1984.

Frank Arok philosopher

Maclean takes
Fleming Medal

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APIA LEICHHARDT'S 1985 NSL SQUAD: Back row (l to r): Kerry Caban, Mark Brown, Vince Colagiuri, Bob Catlin, Bob Parks (moved to South Australia), Ian Rowden, Arno Bertogna, Berti Mariani. Front row: Frank Casacchia, Tony Morsello, Tony Genovese, Robbie De Ceglie, Terry Butler, Carlo Spina. Absent: Tommy McCulloch, Jimmy Hamilton, Glenn Sterrey, Tom Steven, Louis Dounis, Howard Tredinnick, Jim McBride.

Here's the APIA squad that now comes under Rale Rasic's control:

BOB CATLIN: goalkeeper, 20, from Manly Juniors. Made his debut in 1984 but only took over as number one this season when Bob Parks was transferred in his job to South Australia.

GLEN STERREY: right-back, only recently came into the first team but has been impressive in defence.

CARLO SPINA: right-back, 18, NSW state junior rep. In first year as a regular NSW squad member.

FRANK CASACCHIA: right-back, 22, currently sidelined through injury. Gained experience playing in Italy last year.

MARK BROWN: left-back, 22, like Caitlin a product of the Manly district. Has made the left-back position his own since debut in 1983.

BERTIE MARIANI: sweeper, 29, signed from Marconi this year. Played for APIA in 1983 on loan from Marconi, but on returning to his original club last season was unable to claim a regular place in the team.

ARNO BERTOGNA: central defender, 28, signed from Wollongong City in 1983. Previously played for Newcastle KB United and Azzurri in Perth, Western Australia, where he grew up. A former Socceroo, represented NSW against Queensland this season.

IAN ROWDEN: centre-back, 26, made a comeback to NSW football this year. A product of Western Suburbs Juniors, was

Butler the veteran

on APIA's books, following their 1979 merger with Wests, then joined Sydney Olympic. Work commitments saw him quit soccer for two seasons prior to his return with APIA.

TERRY BUTLER: midfielder and club captain, 32. An institution who has been with the club for more than 20 years and played in every club team in the mid-1970s. Has the rare ability to take control of a game from his central midfield position. Played under Rasic in national team, 1972.

TONY MCCULLOCH: midfielder, 21, signed from Marconi for \$22,000 this year. Former Australian Youth team captain who was a senior Socceroo on last year's world tour. Hasn't produced his best form in his debut season for APIA, but was hindered in mid-season by a knee injury.

JIMMY HAMILTON: midfielder, 30, signed from Scottish Second Division club Queen of the South, early in the season. Another player who was hindered by injury in his first season with APIA, but was in good form in the latter half of the competition. Played in Australia with Newcastle KB United in 1982 but then returned to his native Scotland.

TOM STEVEN: midfielder signed from Manly in mid-season. Played professionally in Scotland before joining NSW State League club North Sydney in 1981. Quickly snapped up by Sydney Croatia, then joined Manly in 1984. Given a free

transfer by Manly in mid-season when that club experienced financial difficulties.

ROBBIE DE CEGLIE: midfielder or striker, 22, a product of APIA's Juniors. A solidly built player who was hit by serious injury in the second half of the 1985 season.

KERRY CABAN: striker, 26, signed from Northern NSW club Lake Macquarie in 1984, a strong, bustling striker who gets through a ton of work. This is only his second National League season previously only having played in the North NSW First Division.

JIM MCBRIDE: striker and guest player from Scottish club Stranraer. Played six games for APIA, scoring one goal. Indicated he may return on a permanent basis in 1986.

LOUIS DOUNIS: striker signed from Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic for \$3,000 in mid-season. This well-built young striker was seriously injured in his first NSW match following his transfer from the NSW State League club.

TONY MORSELLO: left striker, 26, a player who came through the junior ranks with APIA after a season in State League with Inter Monaro in 1980, returned to APIA to establish himself as a regular NSW player.

TONY GENOVESE: 20, from APIA Juniors. Has always been on the fringe of the NSW team but has a knack of scoring goals as a substitute.

VINCE COLAGIURI: striker, highly promising, scored freely in the year.

HOWARD TREDINNICK: former Socceroo who broke his leg in his first game after being signed from Melita Eagles.

It's good to see Rale Rasic back at top level coaching. His cherubic smile, Slavic good looks and disarming use of the English language without any reliance on such aids as the definite and indefinite articles, 'the', 'a' and 'an' have been missed.

For too long he was buried in the labyrinths of junior soccer at Canterbury with only rare opportunities to surface publicly, on SBS-TV, there to chastise players of 'his' national team.

Because, as long as he lives, Rale will, subconsciously or otherwise, regard the Socceroos as his team, his babies and his creation; the intoxicating days of 1973 and



Andrew Dettre

1974 will, like a gigantic hangover, accompany him to the grave.

present abysmally low standard.

Despite the many brave and loyal statements by Bottalico during the season, the present squad is simply not good enough to wear the illustrious APIA colors, inherited from the even more illustrious FC Torino.

Just how much money the club can or is willing to splash on new players is better known to them.

What they must decide is whether, in their opinion, a good APIA team could bring back the absent fans or not.

We can argue about this question for ever but all opinions remain hypotheses until proved.

There are not very many clubs in Australian soccer which could find it rewarding or at least justified to spend big money on its team in the hope of recouping it at the top, as in the past.

It's huge, once passionate band of supporters has melted like gelato in the sun; the team's continuous mediocrity, the overall loss of soccer's appeal and the gradual shift of Italian migrants into more middle-class pursuits have left their mark.

In Rasic, they will get an excellent coach, a very good organiser, a disciplinarian and a brilliant PR man who can charm almost anybody except Arthur George into submission.

Just how successful he will be with APIA depends, to a very large extent, on the type of support he will be given.

APIA's main problem in recent years has been its poor soccer organisation, the weak link between a capable president, Nick Papallo, and the team.

Some of the people who have, in recent years, tried to 'run' the club's soccer were not quite in the category of their predecessors in the Bayutera.

So Rasic will need a much stronger back-up organisation than was given to Fil Bottalico.

In all probabilities, Rasic will also need some money to spend on new players — if APIA wants to rise above its

PS: By the time you read this, Australia's match against Israel is over. I'm writing this well before the game which could decide our immediate World Cup future.

I am very confident that the Socceroos will get a 'result' in Tel Aviv — and by that I mean at least a draw.

For the past two years or so Frank Arok has been drilling his team — practically the same team — to learn the art of not losing.

I just cannot see them crumble all of a sudden against Israel. Don't be surprised if another scoreless draw is the outcome.



• Peter Katholos, in action for Australia.

Katholos lifts Larissa

Peter Katholos has played in Larissa's past three matches in the Greek first Division.

With the former Sydney Olympic star running the midfield, Larissa started brilliantly and was second to Panathinaikos after four rounds.

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IS SOCCER DYING?

Have the barbarians of Brussels dealt soccer a hard enough blow to knock it into a senseless coma from which the game we used to know will never awaken?

Those of us close to the game, perhaps too close, were prepared to dismiss Brussels as a social, and therefore "not our" problem and protest that soccer will survive in spite of it, evidence is all around us that soccer is reeling and shaking in its mighty boots at where the effects of that blow will lead.

That there is no soccer on English television is, for instance, directly traceable to Brussels and the dark image soccer has as a result of hooliganism.

In Australia, too, there is no doubt that Brussels has had a devastating effect on a struggling game. And in the wake of it, Pratten Park was an episode it needed like a hole in the head.

Despite many views to the contrary, I remain convinced that Brussels was the most prominent singular cause for the measly interest the two international series created.

The two Australian international series attracted only the partisan fans of the visiting teams while the "neutrals" and the "occasional" were somewhere else.

Flags

That the already miserably attended National League matches would attract more fans than the internationals was unimaginable a few years ago and tragic evidence that soccer no longer attracts. Uniforms, colors and all disappeared.

Five years ago a decision to bring in a live telecast of Australia's tour match against Greece from Athens was the back page lead in one of Sydney's mass circulation evening dailies. Recently the traditionally stirring promise of a World Cup qualified against the old enemy, New Zealand, was getting but scant token space in our daily papers.

Two years ago the World Youth championship in Mexico stirred wide interest and I remember one popular radio talk-back program being completely dominated by it.

The more recent tournament in the Soviet Union was treated as little more than passe by the media. And not surprisingly, because the public at large seemed to show little interest in it.

Overseas crowds, apart from a few isolated places like Italy (stars and glamor) and France (entertaining soccer), are failing alarmingly. And despite Brussels, hooliganism is spreading.

Cut-throat

For that you can blame, apart from the thugs themselves, the politicians and other powerful people who foster a social environment where sections of humanity will want to stoop to murder in order to be heard.

But soccer is not entirely blameless because soccer, by its nature, invites such behaviour.

Soccer, modern soccer, is a cut-throat game where the sporting spirit, as we knew it, is long dead.

FIFA, which is riddled with expedient politicians whose empty or shallow rhetoric was a source of shame to our Canberra MPs to shame, pays only lip service to the spirit of the game and waits until a Brussels before it acts — and then acts by shifting the blame.

The recent words uttered in the USSR about Australia's path to the World Cup by FIFA officials illustrate the contempt in which FIFA holds its own continental. Oceania must wait before it is strong enough to be put on an equal footing with the Europeans in the qualifying draw, it was said.

Oh yeah?

Then why are the Asians, the Africans and the Central and North Americans guaranteed places in the top 24? Are they strong enough? Is Canada, which WILL be in Mexico, as strong as Austria, Wales, East Germany, Eire and Czechoslovakia, which won't?

It is all an example of FIFA's readiness to tell lies — when

the world knows full well that Oceania was used as a dumping ground for unwanted Israel. And that FIFA was succumbing to racist pressure from Asia which feared the Australians and the New Zealanders.

That can be described as hooliganism in high places, from a body which sancti-

moniously condemns the lower brand of hooliganism and disassociates itself from it.

And FIFA is answerable for what goes on outside its offices. The world of play where its game has been allowed to evolve into a cavalcade of cynicism and hate. Far from tampering with the



LES MURRAY

weeks ago when players were intent on butchering each other to make a point about national team selection posed a question to where the game is going. Such scurrilous behavior would have been unthinkable anywhere, including Australia, 20 years ago. Nowadays it is expected as practically the norm. Because the game is played by players who are expected to stretch the full limits of the rules in the name of competitiveness, by coaches

who will do the same in order to get a result, and by administrators who care for nothing barring their own vanity. No wonder hooligans choose it as an ideal stage. It is a great game and still more popular than any singular thing in the history of the human race. But don't believe that greatness makes it immune to collapse. The Roman Empire was great, too. Until it drowned in its own decadence.

SAM PAPASAVAS TELLS LEN MCKENDRY:

BRUSH UP YOUR ACT



• NSL chairman Sam Papasavas

National Soccer League chairman Sam Papasavas took a verbal swipe at South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry at Hellas's presentation night last Wednesday.

"I congratulate Len McKendry on his success, and I hope his public relations improved as well," Papasavas said in concluding his speech to the gathering at the Old Melbourne Motor Inn.

McKendry, while accepting a trophy, had said earlier, "It's been terribly boring and predictable winning the league two years in a row and scoring lots of goals. Have you asked yourselves why Charlie Egan was top scorer this

year, and why Doug Brown was top scorer last year? But then it's been all very boring and predictable."

"Leo Anezakis (former Hellas president) asked me to come to the club, to save them from relegation. I said I'd do better than that, and I won the championship. This year the players won the league again but nine months of consistency were lost in the last three or four days.

"It is very boring to be successful but I'd rather be up here than down there."

McKendry apparently was reacting to complaints by many Hellas fans that the team had become, in McKendry's words, boring and predictable.

"What is entertaining?" McKendry

introduced automatic dismissal for tactical fouls, FIFA forced the English to abandon it.

Back home, that disgraceful affair at Middle Park four



• SM-Hellas coach Len McKendry

asked, "To me, Charlie Egan is entertaining because he puts the ball in the net more than anyone else."

Papasavas, a former, long-serving president of Hellas, said:

"Hellas has been around for a lot longer than two or three years. Those in the Marmaras era, and then my era — all helped Hellas to remain a great club.

"Unfortunately Hellas's success has not been reflected at the gate. The format of the league may have something to do with it."

"I won't talk about being boring or predictable but what counts in soccer is what comes in through the gate. If the gate is 2000, or if the gate is 10,000 — which is better?"

"There will be changes to the league

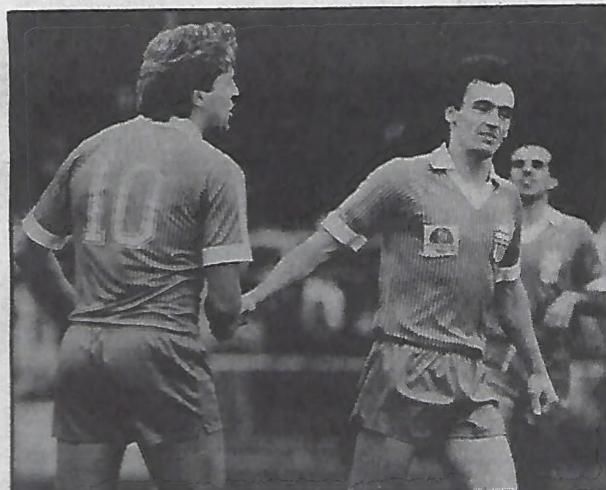
format next year, and I hope they are the changes you all expect."

Papasavas added, however, that the present format was not the only reason for the NSL's ills.

"Perhaps people just have better things to do on Sundays than to get wet, and to see players just walking around on the park."

Papasavas said that what really counts is international success, and that the Socceroos haven't had it for a long time. Only through qualification for the World Cup Finals would major corporations be attracted to support soccer, he said.

The presentation night was sponsored by Opal Male Fashion.



• Australia's most successful goalscoring partnership — Doug Brown (left) and Charlie Egan.

Charlie Egan best, Blair second

Every player in Australia aspires to play for South Melbourne Hellas, said Charlie Egan as he accepted the club's best player award last Wednesday.

Egan, NSL top scorer with 21 goals, won the Hellas award with 28 referees' votes.

His prize was \$1000 from Opal Male Fashion.

Runner-up Steve Blair received a \$250 gift voucher, as did third-placed Bobby Russell.

Egan said: "Ask any player in Australia which club they'd like to play for, and they'd say

Hellas. I always remember Jim Shirra (former midfielder) say that Hellas is THE club to play for. To me, Hellas is the biggest club in Australia, it always has been and it always will be. A special thanks to Leo Anezakis for signing me, and also to our coach, Len McKendry."

Blair said he was surprised he had received so many referees' votes, because "referees aren't my favorite people."

Russell said: "No-one would have beaten Charlie Egan this year. He was the star and he deserves everything he's got. Unfortunately, under the

present league system, the limelight was stolen from our team towards the end of the season."

Chris Christopher, Hellas chairman, said it was the first time the club's best player award had been decided on referees' votes, and it was also the first time that a company (Opal) had sponsored the awards.

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Cup draws

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

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HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP SEMI-FINALS

At Lot 16, Perry Road, Keysborough, Saturday: Box Hill v Knox City or Doveton at 1pm, followed by SPRINGVALE CITY v Fawkner.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

At Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Saturday: St Kilda or Seaford United v Williamstown at 1pm, followed by PASCOE VALE v Nunawading United.

RESERVES CUP SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, venue to be announced: NORTH SUNSHINE v Monbulk at 1pm, followed by MOSSFIELD RANGERS v Ivanhoe City.

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday, 3pm: MACCABI v Diggers Rst, Old Scotch v YARRA UNITED; VERMONT v Diamond Valley; Melbourne Uni v WAVERLEY UNITED.

RESERVES CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday, 3pm: DIAMOND VALLEY v Yarra Bend; MELBOURNE UNI v Maccahi at 1pm; LaTrobe Uni v EPPING THISTLE; EAGLES UNITED v Phillip Institute.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: Keilor Austria 0 Altona City 0 after extra time, Keilor won 5-4 on penalties; Melbourne 3 Dandenong City 3 after extra time, Melbourne won 12-11 on penalties; Clifton Hill 3 Yarraville 1; Rosanna 3 Mooroolbark 0.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP

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PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: Central City 1 Pascoe Vale 2 after extra time; St Kilda v Seaford United, not played, result subject to tribunal hearing tonight (Wednesday); Nunawading United 3 West Brunswick 2; South Dandenong 10-11; West Brunswick 11.

RESERVES CUP

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Meko wins Cup, four sent off

MEKO HOLDINGS 3 (McTeggert, Dovestki pen, Tasevski)
KEILOR OLD BOYS 1 (Guci-Seddon), Black Dougles Cup final, Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

Keilor Old Boys, champions of Division 4, and the team which knocked Division 1 champion and 1984 Cup holder Lecco Holdings out of the competition, got off to a dream start when Jon Guci-Seddon scored with a well-placed shot.

The lead was short lived, when two minutes later, Bernard McGygarth pushed the ball home in a goalmouth scramble.

In the 70th minute following handball by a Keilor player, Vlade Dovestki scored from the penalty spot to give Meko a 2-1 lead. Following the penalty Ferrand of Keilor was sent off for violent conduct.

Tom Tasevski made it 3-1 in a breakaway move, putting the ball into the top corner of the net. Tasevski was outstanding in the second half, chasing every ball and giving the Old Boys' defence a torrid time.

In the closing minutes, Pocock, Laing and Braini were given their marching orders as tempers started to flare.

DOXA UNITED RES. 1 (Gritty, Balazy, Grech)
ALTONA ROVERS RES. 1 (Reif), Invitation Cup final at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

In the 20th minute a shot by Godwin Grech of Doxa was punched out by Rovers keeper Charlie Zarafa to no avail, as John Gritty, following up, put the ball in the back of the net for Doxa's first goal.

Grity made in two in the 24th minute when he scored from a through ball by Grech who was playing some lovely through balls which were splitting the Rovers defence wide open.

In the 31st minute Rober Reif drove the ball into the top right hand corner of the net to put one back for Rovers.

In the 39th minute David Blazy crossed over a high swerving inswinger which deceived the Rovers keeper for doxa's third goal.

In the 46th minute, Godwin Grech made it 4-1, crashing a low goal into the top corner of the net following a through ball by Trevor Wheatley.

Altona Rovers didn't give up, and we wonder what would have happened had two shots that only just went over the crossbar gone in.

In the end Doxa was a worthy Cup winner — making it the fourth time in a row.

Rosanna in semis, but Melbourne looms next

ROSSANA 3 (Welsby 28th, Beer 34th, Sampson 80th)
MOOROOLBARK 0. Victorian League Cup quarter-final at Yallambie Park, Saturday. Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.

ROSSANA 3 (Simpson 7, Parker 7, M. Staples 7 (mousley 60th), Beer 7, Skudlos 8, Vanderwarf 8, E. Staples 8, Sampson 9, Drake 10, Palmer 8, Welsby 9, Coach Terry Mooney).

MOOROOLBARK: Scanlon 6, Reid 6, Caddie 6, Brack 7, Cubitt 6, Fieldland 6 (in), Tattersall 6, Garry 6, Stoner 7, Mantel 6, Klepac 6, Page 6 (Van Duppen H.T. 6), coach: Barry Horsfall.

MELBOURNE 3 (Ward 55th, Heery 58th, Roberts 105th) DANDENONG CITY 3 (Donnelly 30th, 47th, 107th) after extra time. Melbourne won 12-11 on penalties. Victorian League Cup quarter-final at J. T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.

MELBOURNE: Barbas 7, Wild 7, P. Bannon 7, T. Dzivoky 7, Edmondson 8, Theodosopoulos 8, Bird 7, Tsambasis 6 (Dagnall 93rd), Roberts 6, Ward 6, Heery 7, Coach: Paddy Bannon.

Rosanna opened its account in the 28th minute when captain Eric Staples sent a long throw-in into the Mooroolbark area and Michael Welsby rose high to expertly glancet the ball in with a fine header.

Rosanna went further ahead in the 34th minute, virtually putting the match out of Mooroolbark's reach. Rosanna striker Michael Drake sent over a high cross which was mis-

guided by Barkers' goalie John Scanlon, allowing Daryl Beer to drive the ball into the left hand corner of the net.

The scoreline was completed in the 80th minute when Jim Sampson connected with a Beer corner, sending a low, angled shot fizzing into goal.

Rosanna coach Terry Mooney was jubilant after the match, praising his team's effort, particularly the strength of his defence and midfield. Mooney now looks forward to Saturday's semi-final clash with First Division champion Melbourne, knowing that Rosanna has little to lose and Melbourne work for every ball.

The new First Division champion fought back.

Danny Ward pulled one back for Melbourne, or should it be "pushed" one back, when he dived at a Tony Heery cross and appeared to push the ball into the net with his outstretched hand.

Minutes later, Heery levelled ("Rambo") Theodosopoulos dummied a high ball which fell to Heery who coolly shot into the net.

The match went into extra time and Melbourne started to dominate and when Kevin Roberts put Melbourne ahead it looked like an avalanche was about to hit. To Dandenong's credit, it fought back, and how! Donnelly completed his hat-trick when he unleashed a piledriver from outside the box which saw his team breath again, even though it was to lose in the penalty shoot-out.

Ironically the only spot kicks missed were by Melbourne's sharp shooter Ward and hat-trick hero Donnelly. That was until Marcelo Barbas saved well and put Melbourne in line for the championship and League Cup double.

Norton's win was announced at Eltham's annual presentation night held recently at the Heideberg golf club.

Con Moulas and John Cochran were runners-up, and Tony Schipano won the senior spot's award.

Other award winners: Kevin Carey (coach's award); Mick Cirk and Lee Lee (best clubmen); Gordon Kirkwood, Dick Hoolahan, Mick Cirk and Andy Lee (life membership); Mrs. M. Jarvis, Mrs. G. Gill and Reg Emsden (special service to the club).



• Green Gully's Willie Vassallo (left) hasn't a care in the world as he prepares for a Morwell corner. Team mates Jim Murray and Steve McLellan are more concerned as Morwell strikers Ian Stirton (right) and Russell Athersych look like they mean business. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Lucchesi sinks fighting Falcons

GREEN GULLY 1 (Lucchesi 75th) MORWELL FALCONS 0. Dockerty Cup quarter-final at Olympic Park No. 2 ground, Saturday. Caution: Tutil (MF), Smallman (GC). Referee: Jim Fearn.

GREEN GULLY: Dennis 8

— Murray 5, Connell 6, McLellan 5, Hegbin 6 — Cummings 7, Vassallo 4, Smallman 4, Wilkins 4 — Lewis 3, Lucchesi 8.

Coach: Steve Short.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 7 — Bingham 6, Tutill 6, Bruns 7, Train 6 — O'Callaghan 5 (Moore 81st), Maclean 6, Cesar 8 — McGorian 6, Stirton 7, Athersych 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Morwell Falcons hammed Green Gully all over the field in the second half, but their efforts came to nought when Claude Lucchesi stretched to reach a forward header from David Smallman and plant his shot past goalkeeper Romeo Prezioso for the winning goal.

Lucchesi had been the most creative forward on the field, shielding the ball well, and laying it off to advantage. In fact, he was a one-man attack, because Paul Lewis hardly got a kick.

It was surprising that some of the players managed to turn up at all given the weather's turn into the early morning, following the Rothmans Medal Presentation. Green Gully had Stuart Connell back in defence, and Morwell surprised by using three strikers rather than its usual two.

Mick McGorian was the man added to the attack. That left Morwell short in midfield, but Green Gully did not capitalise on that advantage. Rather, it was busy enough trying to control the Morwell strikers.

McGorian robbed Steven McLellan of the ball in the first minute of play and forward and hit his shot over the top.

And on a cut-back from Russell Athersych, Ian Stirton, inside the six-yard box, headed wide.

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headache from the previous night, he certainly was given one when Willie Vassallo kicked the ball at McLean's head. The Morwell midfielder needed treatment, but stayed on the field and, indeed, worried Green Gully with his well-taken free kicks.

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After taunting Morwell sweeper Graham Tutill, Lucchesi passed to Smallman who was running into the box, but Smallman was tackled by Jim Train for a corner.

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SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mitten 20th, Dockerty Cup
quarter-final at Olympic Park, Sunday. Sent off: Miranda 34th.
min. Cautions: James, Mitten, Taylor (GC), Cullen, Lewis (J).
Referee: Evans Venios 8.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 8 —
Brown 7, Dowie 7, Campbell 7 —
Wade 8, Minichiello 5 (Palatsidis 68th), Miranda (Sent off, 34th, min), Incantalo 8 —
Cullen 6, Sweeney 8.
Coach: John Margaritis.
SUNSHINE-GEORGE
CROSS: Kastner 7 — James 4, Richardson 4, Bennett 4, Taylor 4 — Mitten 5 (Campbell 76th), Faulkner 6, Bain 4, Lennon 6 — Gilder 4, Latif 4.
Coach: John Gardiner.

With so much talent at his disposal, I'd say John Margaritis would be mad to leave Juventus.

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JUVENTUS: Keogh 8 —
Brown 7, Dowie 7, Campbell 7 —
Wade 8, Minichiello 5 (Palatsidis 68th), Miranda (Sent off, 34th, min), Incantalo 8 —
Cullen 6, Sweeney 8.
Coach: John Margaritis.
SUNSHINE-GEORGE
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Juventus was stringing six, seven, eight passes together in a devastating second-half fightback while George Cross ran around helplessly, unable to stop the Juventus players, nor win the ball from them.

Although Juventus' play during this period was of the highest calibre, its victory also had a lot to do with George Cross' blundering.

Leading by a goal after only 55 minutes, and playing against only 10 men because Richard Miranda had been sent off, George Cross proceeded to defend, and play on the break.

That tactic may have proved successful had Roger Bain and Ossie Latif not wasted two excellent scoring chances in

Man of the match:
PAUL WADE
(B. Juventus)



Laurie Schwab

Ten men of Juve had fire in their gut

breakaways. They did however, and so Juventus, with more and more use of the ball, started doing as it liked.

George Cross's form this season has been generally commendable. On this day, however, it was awful. Only Lou Kastner, Jeff Faulkner and Mark Lennon escaped unscathed.

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stand-in goalkeeper Sean Keogh, rolled over the line, and into the net.

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George Cross started the second half hanging back, and waiting to exploit the long ball.

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Only 10 minutes later, Peter Lewis passed square to Palatsidis, who did likewise to Sweeney whose final pass was rammed home hard by Incantalo for the equaliser.

Latif got away on another long through ball in the 73rd minute but he approached the goal at an angle, and Keogh blocked the shot in a reflex action.

Slick inter-passing between Brian Brown, Campbell, Wade, Sweeney and In-

Robbie Dunn for Sydney Croatia?

MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole 20th)
FRANKSTON PINES 0, Dockerty Cup quarter-final at Olympic Park No. 2 ground, Saturday. Cautions: McMillan (Mak) Opasins (Mak). Referee: Stuart Melings B.

MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes 6 — Petrovski 6 (Makrovska 81st), Mihailov 8, Petrov 6, Illovs 7 — Lane 7, Cole 7, S. Coach: Gerry Bennett.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 — Thurlow 8, R. Nelson 6, Cullen 6; Cummings 6 — Cooke 6, Ross 7, Watson 7 — Dick 6, Webster 7, Thomas 6. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Rumours about Robbie Dunn joining Sydney Croatia next year eclipsed the outcome of this match. Dunn, in Israel with the Socceroos, is said to have given his assistance to a Melbourne agent acting for Sydney Croatia.

The defence has been Croatia's Achilles heel this year, and Dunn is seen as the man who can remove that weakness.

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• Dave McIntosh (right) in action for St George, leans on then Footscray J.U.S.T. striker Peter Ollerton as St George goalie Mike Fraser prepares to punch clear.

Dave McIntosh's future at Melbourne Croatia is as clouded as the future of coach Domagoj Kapetanovic.

Rumor is rife that Kapetanovic will be replaced as coach and McIntosh, who joined Croatia after a period in limbo earlier this year, has to renegotiate a contract with the club at the end of the year.

If Kapetanovic goes, McIntosh's future probably will be decided by the new coach.

"That's a player's lot," says McIntosh, matter-of-factly.

His response typifies his professional attitude, an attitude spawned in Scotland's Premier League and nurtured throughout an eight year Australian career which involves stints with Sydney Olympic, St George Budapest, Yugal Prague and Penrith, from which he joined Croatia for \$6,000.

McIntosh was born in Dundee and as a 16 year old formed a striking partnership at St Francis Boys Club with Derek Johnston, who was destined for club and international honors with Glasgow Rangers and Scotland.

McIntosh spent two years with St Francis and three months with Dumbeldre before being spotted by a Dundee scout and invited to play in three trial games. He was outstandingly successful, scoring in his first game, adding two goals in his second and completing his trial stint with a hat-trick against St Mirren reserves.

He then established himself in Dundee's reserves but after his first full season approached manager David White and asked to be switched to centre half. White agreed and under the tutelage of coaches Hugh Robertson and George Blues, the former APIA star and NSW Rothmans Medal winner, McIntosh developed into a hard-hitting, fiercely competitive stopper.

His first team debut was in 1974 and what a game big McIntosh had. Dundee drew 3-3 with Scottish giant Glasgow Celtic at Parkhead. Not only did McIntosh have a fine game against the legendary Kenny Dalglish, he also scored Dundee's third goal in the 82nd minute!

In all, McIntosh made 15 first team appearances for Dundee. He would have made many, many more if not for a cartilage injury sustained in a First Division game against Clydebank, when McIntosh played against Davie Cooper, now of Rangers and Scotland fame.

"I never really got back after that injury and the doctor told me that if I wanted to keep playing I'd have to play in a much warmer climate," said McIntosh.

"George Blues contacted John Thompson who was the team manager at Sydney Olympic and we decided on a contract over the phone and off I went to Australia."

That was in 1977, when interest in Australian soccer was at fever-pitch with the formation of the National League. Within a month of his arrival, that troublesome cartilage complaint had cleared up, taking with it the limp that had plagued McIntosh since the injury first flared. And McIntosh felt quite at home in Sydney, thanks to the Coogee Bay Hotel.

"There's a bar there called Scots' Corner and there are more people from Dundee there than there are in Dundee."

Major assimilation problems over, McIntosh knuckled down to performing for his new club, no easy task as a succession of coaches trooped in and out of Olympic's committee room.



• Former NSL Player of the Year Jim Hermiston (left) then with Brisbane Lions, feels the full force of McIntosh's aerial power in a clash between Lions and Olympic.

McIntosh: the man who kept Dalglish in check

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

"I spent three years with Olympic and had nine coaches."

Olympic was relegated from the NSL in 1979. McIntosh was holidaying in Scotland when November 30, the date by which he should have settled on a new contract, passed and upon his return he found himself transfer listed at \$8,000. St George stepped in and snapped him up.

"Raul Blanco was coaching St George when I joined in 1980 and the club was building a new team. Blanco got rid of nine players and for most of the season we were running around with 11 individuals on the park.

"What wasn't well publicised was that St George flew

Frank Arok over here from Yugoslavia to have a look at its set-up and everyone knew that the club wanted to hire him for the next season. That undermined Blanco as far as I'm concerned and I got the feeling that he didn't really care that much after Arok's six week stay."

St George was relegated from the NSL in 1980 and Arok took over as coach. It was a great move for St George which took just one year in the NSW State League to win back its NSL status. However, the arrival of Arok signalled the end for McIntosh.

"Just let's say that me and Frank Arok agreed to disagree. He wanted me to do something I couldn't do. I didn't mind the man-marking stuff at the back but he wanted me to also go forward all the time. I told him that that wasn't my game. I didn't want to leave big gaps at the back. From that point on, I was finished at St George. Arok dropped me to the reserves for about five weeks and when I asked for a transfer he even dropped me from the reserves when I wanted to keep playing there to let people have a look at me. I told him that but his attitude was that it was my problem, not his."

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• McInstosh, this time wearing a Melbourne Croatia strip, is as fearless as ever as he soars above a pack of Green Gully defenders in this clash at Olympic Park earlier this year.

Yugal Prague signed McIntosh on loan for \$2,000 for the remainder of the 1981 season, winning promotion to the NSW State League.

McIntosh still was a St George player when the 1982 season dawned. He trained with Saints but the split with Arok couldn't be mended, so Yugal paid a further \$3,000 to complete his transfer and finished 6th in State League in 1982 and eighth in 1983.

"Yugal had trouble paying the players in 1983. I'm a pro and I'm paid to perform, so when the club struggled to pay me I asked for a move."

McIntosh rang Sydney soccer scribe Tom Anderson, asking for a straightforward assessment — was he still good enough to play in the NSL? Anderson thought that McIntosh could do it and put him in touch with Willie Wallace, coach of new NSL club Penrith. Wallace gave McIntosh no promises but invited the big stopper to come down to training and take it from there.

McIntosh trained hard and just before the start of the 1984 NSW Ampol Cup, Penrith was sufficiently impressed to offer him a contract. He signed and Penrith forked out \$3,000 for his transfer from Yugal.

"I can't really complain about the way I was treated at Penrith but when I read in the papers earlier this year that I had been transfer listed at \$18,000 I just about fell off my seat. My first year there wasn't bad. We (the players) weren't paid for about three-quarters of the season but we all put in and kept trying hard because we all respected Willie Wallace. We started off well this year, reaching the final of the Ampol Cup only to go down 2-1 to Blacktown but I was offered a job in Melbourne which was a major promotion for me and I felt that it was in my best interests to accept."

"I gave Penrith a month's notice which I thought was pretty fair but I was amazed when I found out how much they put on my head. I spoke to Penrith's secretary John Glynn but you couldn't publish the conversation. When I moved down here, Footscray and Green Gully had wee nibbles but backed off when they found out the asking price. I just decided to cool my heels for a spell then Croatia dismissed Tommy Cumming and Sean Parton and decided to sign me. They paid Penrith \$6,000 for my transfer and I was playing again, which was great."

McIntosh then, is one of a handful of players well qualified to weigh up the respective merits of soccer in Sydney and Melbourne and he has definite views on the topic.

"There's more skill in Melbourne without a doubt, but soccer in Sydney is faster and the players are fitter. The grounds in Melbourne are softer and in much better condition, which is more conducive to skillful play. The grounds are rock-hard in Sydney and turn into dustbowls halfway through the season. I suppose that's why you see so many high balls played up there."

McIntosh also has definite views on where the national team is going and his fall-out with Arok at St George does nothing to color his judgement.

"Actually, Frank Arok's probably the best coach I've been under. He demands and gets a lot from his players and the Australian side is probably the fittest it's ever been."

"Where I think the national team goes wrong is in playing tournaments against European club sides who basically are over here for a holiday. We should be playing against national teams who will give the Australian team the respect it deserves. I get the feeling that winning these tournaments this year has lulled the Australian players into a false sense of security."

"I'm also disturbed by the way Melbourne-based players don't get a fair go in the national side. Terry Greedy's not the greatest keeper in my view and the guy from Heidelberg (Jeff Oliver) is better. Wee Joe Watson's a great player but he's getting past it and I would have Mike Petersen paying in midfield instead. And no matter what Charlie Egan said about the national team earlier this year, he should be in the side. Leaving him out is crazy. He's the best goalscorer in Australia."



• John Kosmina overtook Attila Abonyi as the Socceroos' all-time top scorer when he notched the first goal against China in Brisbane last week.

Kosmina (Sydney Haikoah), the Socceroos captain, had scored 37 goals in 50 games for Australia, before taking the field against Israel this morning (Wednesday), our time.

Abonyi however, still has most goals in full international matches.

Scorers' lists:

All games

37. J. Kosmina
36. A. Abonyi
21. R. Baraetz, G. Cole
20. P. Ollerton
17. E. Krncvic, A. Alston
13. B. Vojtek
11. B. Buljevic
10. D. Mitchell, R. Richards, D. Harding
- P. Sharne

Full internationals

25. A. Abonyi
19. J. Kosmina
18. R. Baraetz
16. G. Cole
13. P. Ollerton
8. B. Vojtek, T. McColl

All games

16. D. Lowe
14. R. Brown
12. C. Kalantzis
9. E. Krncvic, F. Farina
6. F. Incalalupo

Youth internationals

10. D. Lowe
9. C. Kalantzis
8. R. Brown
6. E. Krncvic, F. Farina
5. M. Koussas



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'MITCH'



• You can't stop this guy. Shane Rufer (left), Grant Turner and Kenny Cresswell all are beaten by big man Mitchell. At right is Socceroo Ken Murphy.

Roos get lift from high flier

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Competition from Jim Patikas, Frank Farina and Graham Arnold has brought the best out of Socceroo striker David Mitchell, who will lead Australia's attack in the return World Cup game against Israel at Olympic Park on Sunday week.

He was clearly best on the ground in Australia's 3-0 victory over China in Brisbane, and coach Frank Arrok also rated him best in the World Cup match against New Zealand in Auckland.

Mitchell has brought to the Socceroo attack the experience of having played top-level soccer with Glasgow Rangers in Scotland.

He also has provided the attack with aerial dominance, as our pictures show.

Mitchell was born in Scotland, but developed as a player in Adelaide, where he was signed for the NSL by the then Adelaide Juventus coach, Rale Rasic.

From there he moved to Sydney City, then to Glasgow Rangers, after having become a well-established international.

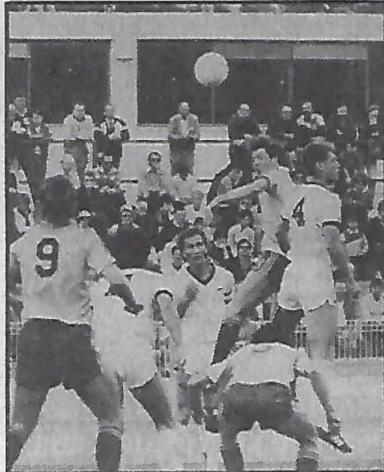
He tried unsuccessfully to rejoin his old club, Adelaide Juventus, on his return from Scotland, but found he was tied contractually to Hakoah. So he went to Hong Kong for a while, and helped Seiko win the championship there, before returning to meet his obligation to Hakoah.

Mitchell's international career started with the Australian youth team. He played in the 1981 World Youth Championships before graduating to the senior team and he scored a World Cup hat-trick in a 10-0 victory over Fiji in Melbourne late that year. Gary Cole got the other seven.

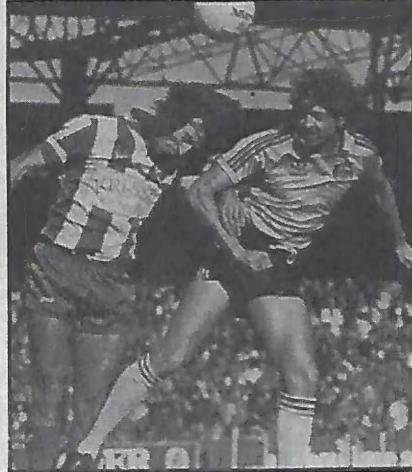
Mitchell says he will again try his luck in Britain — perhaps with Watford — after the World Cup campaign.



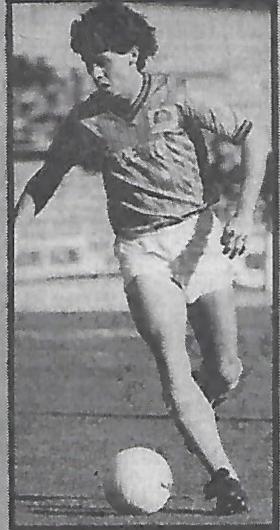
• Mitchell takes a shot against China at Lang Park, Brisbane.



• Mitchell wins out again — beating Ceri Evans (No. 4), with Alan Booth (centre) looking on anxiously.



• Even Yugoslavia's best couldn't stop Mitchell in the air. Here he is beating Jankovic of Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park.

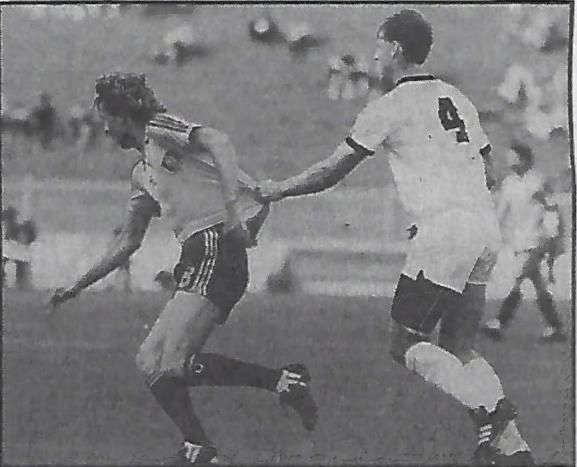


Waiting in the wings

• Two of the Socceroo strikers eager to displace either Mitchell or John Koenina: Jim Patikas (left) and Frank Farina. Their presence in the wings is keeping the others on their toes.



• Mitchell scores the first goal in Australia's 4-0 victory over Red Star at Olympic Park. The result gave the Socceroos an overall win in the four-match series.



• One way to stop David Mitchell — grab him by the shirt, the way Ceri Evans did in their World Cup match at Mt. Smart Stadium in Auckland recently.



• David Mitchell breaks away from Paul Wade in the Socceroo's 3-2 victory over the Victorian all-stars at Middle Park.

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A SLICE OF HISTORY



* The Soccoros of the late fifties. Giorgio Panzo (centre, at rear), played for Triestina and was later president of Juventus. The team includes Joe Marston (4th from right), Lolly Vella (front left), Frankie Loughrane (front, 2nd from left), Pepe Cubero (with ball) and Mike de Bruyckere (2nd from right).



* Three former Triestina coaches: Rale Basic (top left), Mario Corni (above) and Tony Bogni (left).



* The great Frank Barbaza serves his boss, Leo Pollegiani at Pollegiani's Restaurant. Barbaza had a stint with Triestina.

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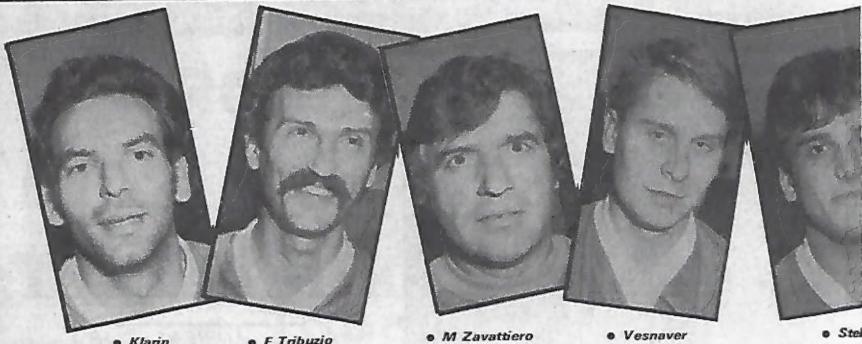
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Essendon 1

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Essendon Triestina last played in the Victorian State League in 1965 but has started the long haul back and next year will play in Victorian League Division Two for the first time since 1970.

Player-coach Bill Vojtek and president Armando Diliza have had a major influence in the club's resurgence and Vojtek is confident that his side can win promotion again next season.

"It's given me a great kick winning promotion from Division Three this year and I'm very, very, confident that the lads will do well next year. Mark my words, we'll put out a very competitive side in Second Division," said Vojtek.

"I'm so proud of the way the players responded this year. We weren't the best team in the league but with plenty of hard work and everyone wanting success, we got there which is a tremendous credit to the players' attitude."

Triestina opened new dressing rooms and a social club at its home ground at Ormond Park in Moonee Ponds this year since which has been confirmed to its facilities.

Triestina was formed in 1959 and in 1960 was admitted to Second Division. It won the Second Division South championship in 1961 and the First Division South championship the following year so Triestina started the 1963 season in State League. It was relegated in 1965, and again in 1966 but in 1968 it won its way back into First Division. However it again was relegated in 1969 and 1970, heralding a period when the club moved between the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Metropolitan League until 1980 when it finally sank into the Provisional Leagues. It was a bodyblow to the club but just two years earlier it had won the Second Division championship!

Triestina fought back. It amalgamated with Moonee Ponds in 1982, the year it won its way back into Fourth Division and 12 months later found itself back in Third Division.

Let's look at the men who won promotion from Third Division for Triestina this year.

BILLY VOJTEK (player-coach): a legend in Victorian and Australian soccer. His first appearance for Australia was against New Zealand in 1967 and his last appearance was against Iran in 1973. In all, he made 44 Socceroo appearances and scored 13 goals. He won the Bill Fleming Medal as the best player in the Victorian State League while with Juventus in 1975. His other clubs were Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatian, Green Gully, St Albans Dinamo and Western Suburbs. It's fitting that Vojtek has brought Triestina into Second Division for way back in 1961 Vojtek, then a teenager, lined up for Triestina in the Coppa Italia as a guest player.

GERRY TRIBUZIO (team manager): Ex-Green Gully and Juventus' Juniors. A top goalscorer in his playing days, he retired last year and is in his first year as team manager. A good organiser and fine servant to Triestina on and off the field.

MARIO ZAVATTIERO (reserves coach): Last year on Triestina's coaching staff and is a former first team coach. Hard working and has been a big help to Vojtek this season. Also serves on the general committee.



* Back row, left to right: Ralph DeMarchi (committeeman), Mick Bonnici, Michael Giacomo, Chris Powell, Johnny Tella, Mario Zavattiero (reserve committeeeman), Sam Paglia (committeeman). Front row: Giuliano Ver, Mick Klarin, Harry Diliza, Billy Vojtek (player-coach), Fran Mussel, Mano Roman (committeeman). Missing: Carlo Sabidussi, Alex Fant

CARLO SABIDUSSI (midfielder): in his second year at the club. Joined from Fawkner but prior to that had a fine career with Juventus and also had a season with Makedonia. At Juventus he established himself as a quality player and his State League experience has been a real bonus this year. He only played 15 games this year due to injury but scored five goals.

DARIO ZAVATTIERO (defender): a product of the Moonee Ponds Juniors and joined during the amalgamation between Triestina and Moonee Ponds in 1982. A very versatile

player who played up front and in midfield before being switched to sweeper in the last half of the season. His passing is excellent; he reads the game well.

MANUELE MANINI (defender): a former Juventus junior who joined Triestina in 1982. Determined and very competitive, he also fine clubman. He played 19 games this season and has been a regular first teamer for past six seasons.

ALDO ANTOMA (goalkeeper): played some fine games this year and is a former Clayton and Juventus goalkeeper with State League experience. This is his second year.



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• Silvio Tribuzio, Tony Mainenti, Dario Zavattiero, Sergio Trukovic (vice-president), Tony (secretary), Carlo Del Porto, David Vesnaver, Gerry Tribuzio (team manager), Sergio Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Triestina has played 24 games this season. An excellent trainer with a fine attitude to the game.

MICK BONADIO (goalkeeper): joined Triestina in 1984 and is the second string goalkeeper. Made just two appearances in the seniors this year, did well both times. His handling is safe and sure.

FRANK MUSSOL (defender): former Sunshine City star who also had a stint with Western Suburbs before joining Triestina this year and once he arrived, everything went smoothly at the back. A tremendous competitor whose disposal and tackling are first

class. Was in "Soccer Action's" State League Team of the Year in 1980.

CARLO DEL PORTO (utility): has been used at the back, in midfield and up front this year. Has fine close skills and is fast; and coach Vojtek expects him to develop even further next season.

MICK KALARIN (striker): ex-green Gully, Melbourne, Croatia and Western Suburbs. Joined Triestina this year. Tall, but has excellent close ball control and loves to take opponents on. Has been a major asset this year scoring 10 goals as a left sided attacking player.

FULVIO TRIBUZIO (defender): captain of the reserves and a long serving and dependable player. A product of Triestina's juniors and an excellent clubman.

HARRY DILIZZA (defender): ex-Juventus and J.U.S.T. junior who joined Triestina in 1976 and has had a fine season. A solid defender who works very hard. He's the longest serving player at the club.

JOHNNY STELLA (defender): just 18 and very promising. He still has to work on certain aspects of his game but he's dedicated to improving himself and coach Vojtek predicts a big future for him.

CHRIS POWELL (striker): Canadian born, he joined Triestina in 1982 from St Albans. He's quick and played eight games this year, scoring six goals. Strong in the air and very competitive.

MICHAEL GIACOMI (striker): ex-Juventus and Triestina junior and a former Fawkner first team player. Joined Triestina this year and scored 23 goals, making him the leading scorer in Third Division. Excellent in the air and strong on the ball, he has given the attack a tremendous boost.

TONY MAINENTI (midfielder): ex-Fawkner, Juventus and Triestina junior. He joined Triestina in 1984 and has good close skills. He's a great competitor and his experience has helped the younger players in the squad. He also scored some vital goals this year.

DAVID VESNAVER (midfielder): ex-Triestina junior who rejoined the club from Fawkner in 1984. Only 20, but has State League experience and has had a tremendous season in 1985. A good ball winner and a great competitor.

MATE DIMAC (defender): very skilful and never wastes a ball. He's a former Melbourne Croatia player and is 29 years old.

Dilizza leads strong committee

Armando Dilizza is in his second year as president of Triestina and is the driving force behind the club's administration. He's a former Juventus team manager and runs his own business in the hydraulics industry.

Sergio Turkovic is vice-president. He's a former Triestina player and coach and has been with the club since 1983.

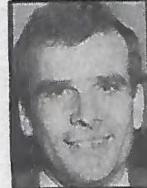
The secretary is Giuliano Boato who is in his fourth year in that role. He's a hard worker, like his fellow committee members, committed to the success of Triestina.

Sergio Romani is the club's treasurer. He was team manager last year and has been with the club for many years. He doubles as property manager.

The general committee consists of: Ralph DeMarchi, a former player; Sam Paglia, who is the canteen manager and was president of Moonee Ponds when it amalgamated with Triestina in 1982; Tony Severino, who plays in the reserves and is the club's public relations officer; Tony Stella in his first year on the committee; Gerry Tribuzio, team manager and Mario Zavattiero, reserve team coach.



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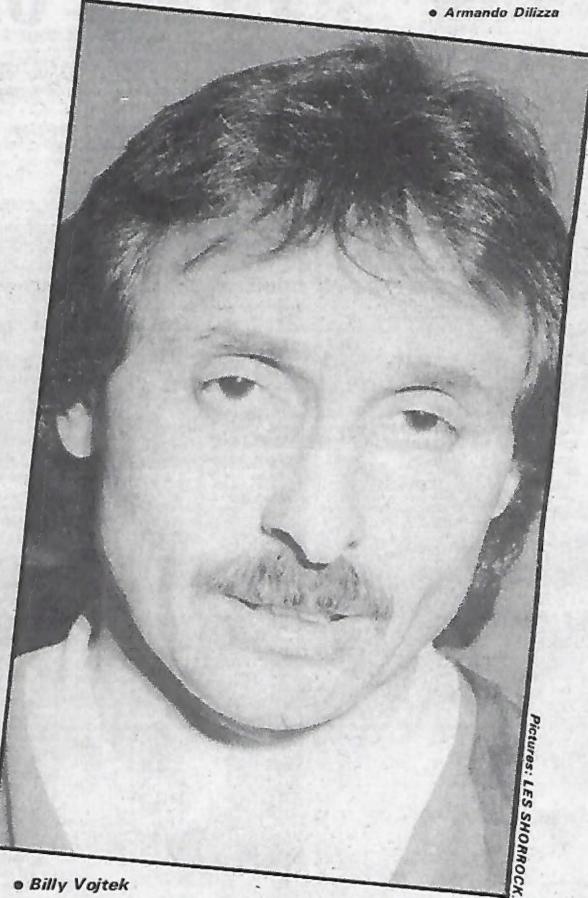
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• Well balanced trio Peter Herd (left) and Dragan Ilicic of Azzurri and Robert Tobin (Birkalla) play follow the bouncing ball during last Saturday's West End Premier Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Picture by JOE JANKO

NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC



The NSW Skypack State League is over.

Canterbury took the championship, Melita Eagles collected the Grand Final trophy and Fairy Meadow finished second in both.

Playing with far more consistency than the rest, Fairy Meadow could have done better but for injuries which led to a poor run home. Surely credit must go to coach John Fleming.

He is an honest worker who believed in the team and gave his players the confidence and the style to attain good results. Who would pick Raul Blanco as coach of the year, with Tony Komodor of Polonia close on their heels.

This is the complete list of scores and scorers as well as the final league table in the Skypack State League for 1985.

Canterbury (33 Pts)

• Manly Warringah 1-0, 1-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0, 1-0; Rockdale Ilinden 1-0, 1-1; Canterbury 1-0, 2-2; Sutherland 3-1, 0-2; Melita Eagles 2-0, 0-0; Narrabeen 3-1, 1-1; Polonia 0-2, 2-0; Avala 1-0, 1-0; Uruguay 0-1, 1-0; Bankstown 2-1, 7-2

Goals: 32

7. Glen Fontana
6. Steve Baker
4. Jock Morland, Phil Mowbray
3. Reg Chilby
2. Roberto Giraldi, Richard Piel, Larry Berringer
1. Montechi, Richardson

Sutherland (28)

• Manly Warringah 1-1, 2-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-3; Rockdale Ilinden 3-0, 1-0; Canterbury 5-6, 1-2; Melita Eagles 3-0, 1-1; Narrabeen 0-0, 2-0; Polonia 3-0, 2-2; Avala 0-0, 2-2; Uruguay 0-1, 2-0; Bankstown 5-0, 1-1

Goals: 39

7. Peter Beggs
6. Brian Gray
5. Vic DalForno, Craig Hall.

Melita Eagles (27)

• Manly Warringah 3-0, 2-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 3-1, 2-1; Rockdale Ilinden 0-1, 1-1; Canterbury 0-3, 1-1; Sutherland 0-1, 0-3; Narrabeen 2-1, 1-1; Polonia 7-1, 2-3; Avala 0-1, 0-0; Uruguay 3-0, 2-0; Fairy Meadow 0-1, 0-3; Bankstown 3-0, 2-0

Goals: 29

10. Ross Brown
11. Don Allan
9. Barry Walker

Fairy Meadow (27)

• Manly Warringah 1-1, 2-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0, 0-3; Rockdale Ilinden 3-0, 1-0; Canterbury 5-6, 1-2; Melita Eagles 3-0, 1-1; Narrabeen 0-0, 2-0; Polonia 3-0, 2-2; Avala 0-0, 2-2; Uruguay 0-1, 2-0; Bankstown 5-0, 1-1

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10. Nelia Borges

9. Paul Kirwan

7. Marcos Silva, Louis

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6. John Anagnostopoulos

5. Spiro Hantzis

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CHANGE THE SYSTEM!

Why the famous couldn't make it

Comedian Mal Meikle relayed the apologies of various dignitaries who were unable to attend the Victorian Rothmans Medal dinner.

John Michael Howson couldn't come, said Meikle, because he was attending a drag race in Sydney.

Dennis Lillee was in New Zealand, where they'd named a town after him — Whykwickapakie.

Lou Richards was at the university, giving a dissertation on fine English.

John Cain was trying to explain to Brian Murray that his initials are J.C.

Malcolm Fraser was at home looking for John Kerr's phone number, following which he had to do to Tamie what he did to Australia.

Meikle also spoke of the woman who had been raped by a BLF worker.

How did she know it was a BLF worker?

"I had to do all the work," she said. The next day he tried again, but it started to rain so he stopped.

The Minister for Sport, John Brown, chimed in later with:

"I saw John Cain and John Howard sitting together at a function. Someone said: If you had a Roman orgy, you'd send them out to buy the grapes."



Former team mates at Morwell Falcons and former Victorian Rothmans Medal winners Bobby McGuinness (left) and Jim MacLean. Pictures: LES SHORROCK

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Victorian Soccer Federation and Rothmans will continue to do a disservice to the Rothmans medal as long as they include the votes of ineligible players in the final tally.

Bobby McGuinness of Western suburbs polled the most votes — 29 — but was ineligible because he had been sent off during the year.

So the medal went to Branko Culina, who came second in the voting.

The same thing happened in 1979 when Robbie Cullen, then of Makedonia, topped the poll but because he was ineligible, the medal went to Tommy Cummings.

If the ineligible votes simply were kept secret, then we would not see the shine being taken off the gold medal as it was last Friday.

Even Culina said so.

The rules of the award are specific. It is for the best and the fairest player, so if you are sent off, then you cannot win.

McGuinness knew it all along, so he made no friends with his comments afterwards.

He said the best and fairest award was a "joke" and that his sending-off had been the result of a misunderstanding with the referee.

He said the award should be for the player of the year, not for the best and fairest player, adding that sometimes you have to be a bit unfair to be the best.

He said he was happy inasmuch as he had received more compliments than the winner. McGuinness maintained that he had been the player of the year.



The Polonia table, from left: Chez Plaskota, Davie Gibson, Rick Lipliarski, John Little, Mike Zurek and John Pater.



The Northcote table, from left: Arthur Patiniotis, George Karastavrou, Jimmy Pyrgolios and Nick Samaras.

Wests switch

Victorian State League club Western Suburbs will play at Skinner Reserve, in Churchill Avenue, Sunshine, next season.

Wests will share the ground with VFA club Sunshine. Until now, Western Suburbs have played at Ralph Street Reserve.

More for sport

The Minister for Sport, John Brown, told the Rothmans Medal dinner that until recently, the federal government spent only \$6 million on sport, but \$19,000 million on health.

"We were spending three thousand times as much on health, rather than on preventing illness through sport. Yet we share with Finland the highest level of heart disease in the world," he said.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the latest budget allocates \$54 million to sport.



The men from Springvale, from left: Harry Healey, John Luyten, Bobby McLachlan, Ralph Settle (foreground), Keith Adams and Paul Whippy.

Sawdon tops in Tassie



George Town United's player-coach, Peter Sawdon, won the 1985 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania with 35 votes at a presentation function held at the Wrest Point Casino last Friday.

Sawdon received votes in 15 of the 21 matches and his tally is the third highest in the history of the award in Tasmania.

Olympia-WPL's sweeper, Peter Sherman, was second with 27 votes while Rapide's Dale Blake and Devonport City's player-coach, Phil Ashworth, finished equal third with 26 votes.

Tasmania's Minister for Sport and Recreation, Brendan Lyons, presented the winner with his medal.

"I'm absolutely on top of the world," said Sawdon. "It's an unbelievable feeling and I just couldn't explain it."

"Without my teammates, it just wouldn't have been possible. It's the biggest award I've ever won and it's the biggest I'm ever likely to win."

Sawdon has been in Tasmania for five seasons, after arriving from England, and took George Town to its second successive Northern Honeychurch Premier League title this season.

It was his third championship in a row, having won the 1983 title with Launceston Juniors.

Sawdon was also the league's leading goalscorer with 26 goals and last week won the North's best and fairest honor, the George Dale award with 28 votes.

He is the second player from Tee-side in England to win the Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania. Eric Young (1982) and Ian Parker (1984) are the other two and all three players lived and played their soccer within a 30-mile radius of each other near Middlesbrough.

"I felt as though I was always in with a chance because I won the George Dale award last week but you always think that someone's going to pip you at the post," Sawdon said.

"Fortunately for me, no one did."

Sawdon will lead George Town against Juventus-Pioneer in the second leg of the State premiership at KGV in Glenorchy on Friday. His side has to make up a 3-0 deficit following its home defeat to Juventus last week.

Sawdon says that he will stay with George Town next season.

"I couldn't look for a better future than with the club I'm currently playing for."

"They've been absolutely magnificent to me and they're just a wonderful crowd. There's no excuse not to explain it."

Leading goal-scorers: PETER SAWDON (George Town) 35;

PETER SHERMAN (Olympia WPL) 27; DALE BLAKE (Rapide);

PHIL ASHWORTH (Devonport City) 26; PETER THOMPSON (Croatia Glenorchy) 21; SERGIO PACE (Juventus-Pioneer) 20;

STEVE MORLEY (Launceston Croatia) 19; DAVID STODDART (White Eagles) 18.

• "Soccer Action" reporter Ken Kontra (centre) was at the Western Suburbs table. Others pictured, from left: Andy Esposito, Keiron Coyle and Messrs. Pashalis and Hadjimouratis.

VOTES

(West Sub) Kakantonis* (West Sub) Pate (Knox)

3. McPhie (Box) Lawler (Box) Whiteside (Croyd) Cooke (Frank P) Cummings (Frank P) Miller (Frank P) Bissinger (Frank P) Avian (Pol) Przybyla* (Pol) O'Callaghan (Morw) Giannopoulos (Nord) Wambsgans (Ring) Van Egmond (Ring) Stewart (Ring) Greener (Spring) Mathews (Spring) Brklacic (St Alb) Bozic (St Alb) Kuna (St Alb) Ramjik (St Alb) Coyle* (Thom) Bell (Thom) Tsiaras (West Sub) Tachiris (West Sub) Lekkas (West Sub) Apostolidis (West Sub) Hamill* (Ring)

2. Taylor* (Box H) Harrison (Fawk) Dececco* (Fawk) Wild (Knox) Deacon (Knox) Head (Knox) Dimiceli (Pol) Gaspak (Pol) Gregorczyk (Pol) Blasby (Mor F) J. Constantine (North Lee) Wilson (Nord) Kustur (St Alb) Flaherty (Thomas) Howe (West Sub)

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International gets court injunction

BY MICHELANGELO RUCCI

Soccer is in the courts again. South Australian club International was last week granted a Supreme Court injunction against a two-year suspension from the South-East Soccer Association.

The injunction forced the suspension of the Association's top four cup series final between Croatia and Portland on Sunday.

International, based at Mount Gambier, was suspended and its President and Coach were banned for life last week when the SESEA board found the club guilty of inciting a riot during the first semi-final of the cup series against Portland on September 22.

But Association officials hope the dispute will be resolved out of court.

"The injunction allows the matter to be resolved internally by the Association and International officials before Friday," Association President Hans Altorf said. "I am confident

Darwin Olympic created local history by winning the league in all three grades.

Olympic is coached by former Croatia-Tony Ecimovic, with the assistant being ex-Canberra-Olympic and Croatian player Andre Papazoglu.

A GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympic	10	0	4	3	12	22
Darwin United	8	2	2	3	11	18
Mindil Aces	8	1	3	4	10	17
Casuarina	4	3	1	5	17	22
Night, R.A.O.B.	2	0	8	11	28	15
Darwin City	2	0	9	12	41	4

Olympic tops

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Darwin City	4	1	7	11	23	9
Sanderson	3	0	9	14	23	6
Night, R.A.O.B.	1	1	11	9	50	1
Olympic	8	1	3	30	14	21
Darwin United	7	2	3	31	13	16
Mindil Aces	5	1	6	20	23	11
Casuarina	2	3	7	9	22	9
Night, R.A.O.B.	2	0	8	11	28	15
Darwin City	2	0	9	12	41	4

B GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympic	10	2	3	38	12	22
Casuarina	6	3	20	17	31	15
Sanderson	5	5	26	19	15	15

C GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympic	10	2	3	38	12	22
Casuarina	6	3	20	17	31	15
Sanderson	5	5	26	19	15	15

CALLS-UNDER 17

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympic	10	2	3	38	12	22
Casuarina	6	3	20	17	31	15
Sanderson	5	5	26	19	15	15

IT'S CROATIA'S CUP

Croatia-Glenorchy won the Cadbury Jubilee trophy in Tasmania by beating league champion Juventus-Pioneer 3-0 in the top-four grand final.

Croatia had never played better all season than against Juventus in this grand final.

Players such as Bacic, Baric and Cuhaj, who had been suspended, finally put it all together, combining skill with aggressiveness and endeavour to unsettle a Juventus side that paid dearly for some missed chances.

Indeed, all three goals that Juventus conceded were self-inflicted wounds.

The first came from the penalty spot in the 8th minute when Frank Perri brought Neil Thomas down as he threatened to create danger at the left.

Billy Kirkpatrick calmly placed his shot — his fourth penalty success of the season — to Craven's left as the goalkeeper dived to his right to give Croatia a 1-0 lead at the interval.

that during our planned meeting with International this week the matter will be resolved. "Association champion International's President Camillo Gato and Coach Gino Vadori were suspended from holding any official positions with any soccer club for life because they allegedly had incited the riot."

"The bans on the officials were imposed because they incited the crowd to invade the field and they incited their players to walk off the field of play," Mr Altorf said last week when announcing the suspensions.

Action against International was taken after two International players were sent off after Portland had taken a 1-0 lead and their teammates followed in a walk-off.

The drama in the semi-final began in the 10th minute when referee Ken Corrigan and his linesmen sent Portland a goal from a Mike Neil kick from a scrummage.

The ball trickled along the goal line and International players argued that the ball did not fully cross the line.

Harry Nieto and Lou Zaccardo allegedly manhandled Corrigan and were sent off.

As they were sent off, the other International players walked off the ground and remained in their changing room for 10 minutes. They returned to lose the semi-final 2-1.

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• Paul Trimboli

Awards to MacLean and Trimboli

Jim MacLean of Morwell Falcons is the 1985 Bill Fleming Medal winner.

MacLean, winner of last year's Victorian Rothmans Medal, polled 32 votes, seven ahead of Western Suburbs striker Bobby McGuinness, St Albans Dinamo midfielder Branko Culina, winner of the 1985 Victorian Romanes Medal, was third with 24 votes.

The Bill Fleming Medal is judged by a panel of soccer writers.

Paul Trimboli, already landed as one of the most exciting teenage talents in Australian soccer, is the winner of the 1985 Weinstein Medal as the best under 16 player in Victoria.

Here are all the Bill Fleming Medal votes:

32 — MacLean (Morwell)

25 — McGuinness (Suburbs)

24 — Culina (Dinamo)

17 — Webster (F'ston Pines)

7 — French (Croydon, Cosentino (Thomasstown)

6 — Stenson (Suburbs, Adams (Springvale)

5 — Toro (Northcote), Bing- ham (Morwell), Douglas (Albion)

4 — O'Reilly (Croydon), Bruns (Morwell)

3 — Little (Polonia), Patiniotis (Northcote), Palinkas (Fawkner), Livingstone (Croydon)

2 — Brogan, Olleroton (Croydon), Liparski (Polonia)

1 — Whiteside (Croydon), Fattore (Fawkner), Bozikis (Northcote)

Previous Bill Fleming Medal winners:

1971 — Jim Pyrgolios (SM-

1984 — Steve Smith (Box Hill)

1975 — Reno Lia (Hellas)

1976 — Colin Allison (Melbourne)

1977 — Alex Rivero (Box Hill)

1978 — Roberto Traficante (Triestina)

1979 — Greg McLeod (Box Hill)

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• Jim MacLean

Frank Arok, philosopher

A few days absorbing the atmosphere of Athens and Tel Aviv brought out the philosopher in Saccerio coach Frank Arok before last night's (Tuesday's) World Cup qualifying match with Israel.

"It is stupid to allow passions to become aroused to the extent that people want blood, revenge, sackings and so on, just over 90 minutes of football," he said.

"They are important matches, but nothing is worth all that craziness.

I want to be successful, but I am not prepared to go for victory at any price. I don't believe anyone has the right to ruin another person's livelihood," Arok said.

"If I'm going to be remembered at all, I want it to be for something positive that I've

contributed to the game, not for something negative.

"Life is too short to let negative aspects dominate your life."

He said the recent death of former Soccerio Phil O'Connor, a player at St George under Arok, had shocked him.

"You know how short life is. I never want to do anything I could be sorry for — that I would regret and want to change — because maybe I'd never get the chance."

Arok's comments were in marked contrast to his usual devil-may-care attitude.

However, he made it clear his comments didn't mean he would not allow the Australian team to play its natural, physical style.

"That's our game. If we can't play that, then we have nothing," he said.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

Kiwis hit Taiwan

NEW ZEALAND 5 (Declan Edge, Colin Walker, Steve Summer 3 (incl one pen). TAIWAN 1 (Chen Sing-An) in Auckland. Attendance: 5000.

NEW ZEALAND: Van Hattum, Mulligan, Evans, Booth (captain), Dunford, Crosswell, Summer, Cole, Edge, Turner, Walker.

TAIWAN: In Jen (captain), Hong-Yee, Chun-Kwei, Yeo-chuan, Deng-Jeng, Jeng-Tsair, Jung-Tsung, Shiao-Yung-Fu, Sing-An, Huey-Shyong, Ming-Tsai.

Oceania qualifying group table before the Israel v Australia match this morning (Wednesday).

W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1	0	11	8	4	33
New Zealand	1	1	8	5	13
Australia	0	8	9	6	16
Taiwan	0	3	11	16	0



• New Zealand goalie Frank van Hattum foils Duh Dang-Chyan in a rare Taiwanese raid. New Zealand won this World Cup qualifying match 5-1 in Auckland last Saturday.

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FORZA JUVE!

Successi ed insuccessi

Per i campioni d'Australia della Juventus ovviamente non esiste il riposo sugli allori a giudicare dalla lena con cui si sono buttati nel torneo della Dockerty Cup. Mentre tutti si aspettavano che questa appendice alla stagione calcistica sarebbe stata presa alla leggera dalla squadra di Margaritis, i due avversari che si son trovati sulla strada dei bianconeri hanno scoperto a proprie spese che la voglia di vincere e' ancora molto viva nel clan juventino.

Due settimane fa il malcapitato Western Suburbs se ne andò a casa con ben cinque reti. George Ross ha subito un'organizzazione altrettanto dura se si considera che la Juventus ha giocato in dieci uomini per circa un'ora (espulsione di Miranda) e che ha ingranato la marcia solo nell'ultimo mese' di gioco rimontando lo svantaggio di una rete messa a segno al 18' da Mitten.

Senza Petersen (in Israele con la nazionale) e senza Banovic, il tecnico juventino ha riproposto il portiere in seconda Keogh che si è dimostrato molto bene, e il giovane Marchello.

Nella ripresa, quando la squadra era ridotta a dieci uomini ed in svantaggio di una rete, Margaritis ha fatto la sua ormai solita mossa vincente sostituendo Minichello con il giovane attaccante Palatsides.

Quasi per incanto la Juventus ha cominciato a girare a pieno regime ed al 71' un'azione iniziata da Camilleri e proseguita da Palatsides e Sweeney metteva la palla dentro di incamiciato che insaccava spettacolarmente con una delle sue famose cannonate di sinistro.

Sette minuti dopo Palatsides portava la Juventus in vantaggio e nuovamente Incantalo arrotondava il bot-

tino da lì a pochi minuti per un netto 3-1.

Così domenica prossima la Juventus disputerà la semifinale del prestigioso torneo incontrando il Croatico, mentre il Green Gully e il Morwell (vincitori del torneo sul Morwell e sui Frankston Pines) si giocheranno l'altro posto in finale nella prima partita del pomeriggio all'Olympic Park.

Stando alle previsioni Juventus e Preston dovrebbero disputarsi la finale e la coppa (che e' stata "misteriosamente" riconsegnata alla V.S.F. dopo essere stata rubata dalla sede del Fawkner) la settimana dopo in quella che dovrebbe essere per i macchinisti una sorta di festa della confederazione subita nella finale del girone meridionale: come si ricorda il Preston conduceva per 1-0 fino a quattro minuti dalla fine e perse sensazionalmente per 1-2 dopo un incredibile "forzato" bianconero.

Incanto si avvicina la Coppa Italia che sarà disputata sul campo del Veneto Club con inizio sabato 28 ottobre. Nella prima giornata di gara si incontrano Veneto e Inter City (12.00), Buleen Veneto e Nunawading United (1.30), Thomastown e la Juventus (3.00), Ivanhoe City e Fawkner (4.45).

Quasi sicuramente la Juventus schiererà la formazione giovanile in cui faranno spicco i vari Palatsides, Durakovici, Minichello, Mezzara, Grbac, Greco e gli altri giovani della Youth League e della U18 affidate a Fausto Incantalo.

Fawkner e Thomastown invece si prevedono per informazioni quasi complete per cercare di chiudere la stagione in bellezza dopo le delusioni del campionato e della Dockerty Cup. Triescita e Veneto Buleen saranno sicuramente fra le protagoniste del torneo e l'East Brunswick Abruzzo venerdì sera la pelle.

Con il livellamento dei valori fra le squadre blasonate

e la presenza di una formazione giovanile ma dotatissima della Juventus, la Coppa Italia di quest'anno si annuncia più avvincente ed interessante del solito.

Una ottima organizzazione del Veneto lub e le sue magnifiche attrezzature faranno sicuramente il resto per rendere il torneo piacevole per gli spettatori.

C'è da augurarsi che il Makedonia sia di qualità e non si debba fare a meno di lui. Il Makedonia ha un buon centro di gioco con un centrocampista che si dimostra sempre molto preciso e veloce.

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la squadra ha avuto un anno strepitoso culminato nella conquista del titolo nazionale; la cassa sociale probabilmente finirà con un "buco" di diverse decine di migliaia di dollari.

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Non si tratta perciò di una perdita, ma piuttosto di un asennato investimento che ha dato i risultati sperati. La Juventus doveva guadagnare per sopravvivere al prossimo anno, e non è chiaro se i guadagni di altri siano stati sufficienti per sopravvivere.

Oro per il nuovo comitato di gestione non è facile farsi pagare e la situazione favoriva la creazione di un gruppo di dirigenti che si erano guadagnati una buona posizione nel mercato del calcio italiano.

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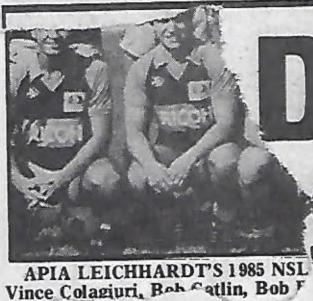
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